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WALL BEACH RECEIVES FIRST VIOLATIONS

Vandenberg officials report that Wall Beach received two violations last weekend. This brings the total violations to 22 at Surf Beach, two at Minuteman Beach and two at Wall Beach for entering closed beach areas. Base officials must close public access to base beaches when citation thresholds are reached. The thresholds are: 25 at Surf Beach, 10 at Wall Beach and five at Minuteman Beach. For information about beach access status, call the base fish and game office at 606-6804.

VAFB TOP THREE HOLDS MONTHLY MEETING AUG 30

The Vandenberg Top Three will hold its monthly membership meeting at noon Aug. 30 in the services center. All master sergeant selects through chief master sergeants who are permanently assigned here may attend. For more information, call Master Sgt. Ty Foster at 606-3595. The next Top 3 Executive Council meeting is scheduled for Sept. 6 at 8 a.m. in the Vandenberg Services Center.

GARAGE SALE SIGNS AUTHORIZED ONLY IN YARD

Housing and mobile home park residents are reminded that garage sale signs may only be posted on the property of the residence where the sale is being conducted. Space wing instructions state garage sale signs may not be attached to telephone poles, power poles, street light poles or trees. Additionally, signs aren't allowed in any location near public right-of-ways. For more information, call the military family housing office at 606-3434.

NATIVE-AMERICAN PLANNING COMMITTEE HOLDS MEETING

The Native-American History Month Planning Committee will be having it's first meeting Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in the library conference room B. The Military Equal Opportunity office needs volunteers for the following planning committees: Native-American History Month in November, Women's History Month in March and Hispanic Heritage Month from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. All interested volunteers call Staff Sgt. CeeJay Brown at 606-0370.

MEDICAL GROUP MINIMAL MANNING TODAY

The 30th Medical Group will be at minimal manning today for an official function. The clinic will be open Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for pharmaceutical and diagnostic needs. If a need for urgent or emergency care arises, go to the nearest emergency room and call the toll-free number on the back of the TRICARE card for assistance.

COMBAT ARMS RANGE COMPLEX OFF LIMITS


The 30th Security Forces Squadron Combat Arms Range Complex located off San Antonio Road West is off limits to all unauthorized personnel. Danger signs are posted around the hazardous area of the range complex. For entry, call the combat arms section at 605-5025.

30TH SFS HOLDS ANNUAL PISTOL MATCH SEPT. 7

The 30th Security Forces Squadron is holding an Excellence in Competition pistol match Sept. 7. Sign up began Wednesday. The first 100 people to sign up will be guaranteed a slot. Call 605-5025 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily to sign up. People can also sign up at the Combat Arms Range, building 21308, off San Antonio Road West. The competition is open to all active-duty and reserve Air Force personnel. This is not a "fun" shoot or a familiarization course of fire. Shooters must be familiar with the weapon and it's operation prior to the match. There will be no instruction given on the operation of the weapon, other than a safety briefing. Any questions concerning the competition may be directed toward Staff Sgt. Erik Skrudland at 605-5005 or Staff Sgt. Shane Wisener at 605-5007.

30th Weather Squadron's weekend forecast

Vandenberg will have mostly cloudy mornings followed by partly sunny afternoons. Fog will roll in early evening.



Low/High
51/68

Visit the 30th Weather Squadron's website at www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/organizations/30og/weather/weather/index.html to get a five-day forecast.



MASTER SGT. BRUCE DZITKO

Staff Sgt. Mike Tinio (left) operates the hoist, inside a UH-1N Huey helicopter, during a training mission with the Santa Barbara County Sheriffs Department. The 76th Helicopter Flight rescued a stranded hunter near Figueroa Mountain Sunday.

National Night Out teaches youth about crime, drugs

Base, local law officials promote anti-crime efforts, police-community relations

By 2nd LT. MICHELLE MAYO
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ More than 400 people attended Vandenberg's National Night Out held Aug. 7 at the common area behind the Base Exchange.

National Night Out is a national event devoted to increasing crime and drug prevention awareness, generating support and participation in local anti-crime efforts, strengthening neighborhood spirit and police-community relations.

It's the first time in two years National Night Out was held on Vandenberg and was a great success, said Staff Sgt. Timra Campbell, an investigator for the 30th Security Forces Squadron.

Kill vehicle lands knock out punch during IFT-6

By JIM GARAMONE
American Forces Press Service

■ WASHINGTON—The test of the ground-based ballistic missile defense system July 14 was almost a complete success, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization officials said Aug. 9.

The exoatmospheric kill vehicle landed a knockout punch on the re-entry vehicle hitting the "sweet spot" almost squarely, said Army Maj. Gen. Willie Nance Jr., the program executive officer for the project.

The intercept occurred about a foot and a half behind the nose of the re-entry vehicle, Nance said.

"The largest piece of debris that we saw, based on all the radar tracks and data that we had, was about a 6-inch size piece of debris in any dimension. And that's debris that's left over from the kill vehicle and the reentry vehicle after the intercept," he said.

Of the 23 items tested in the flight, only one didn't work.

"The system and the elements performed for the most part as expected," he said. "We did have one anomaly, ... the ground-based radar prototype, which is a prototype of the X-band radar. It is located at Kwajalein missile range."

"The last objective that we wanted it to perform was to switch its track from the re-entry vehicle to the kill vehicle and report if it could hit, and so conduct as an objective its ability to perform hit assessment," Nance said. It didn't successfully do that due to software problems, he said. However, they determined the cause of that problem.

According to Nance about a minute before intercept, a database locked up when the software wouldn't permit testers to enter and delete a file during the test.

"We've already made the adjustment and we're ground-testing that," Nance said.

The next test is set for October and BMDO plans to fly the same test in terms of the target, target complex and the structure of the elements in the test flown in July. Each test costs about \$100 million, Nance said.
(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

Helo heroes 76th hoists third rescue of year

By MASTER SGT. LLOYD CONLEY
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Once again, the 76th Helicopter Flight answered the call when they rescued a stranded hunter on the first day of deer hunting season Sunday.

Events leading up to the rescue began to unfold Saturday evening around 9 p.m. "We received a request for assistance from Santa Barbara Search and Rescue that a hunter had become stranded in an area near Figueroa Mountain," said Capt. Ryan Campbell, 76th HF pilot.

Santa Barbara crews had dropped food and water to Javier Alvarez, the stranded hunter, earlier Saturday, said Senior Airman Mike Napolitano, a medical technician assigned to the 76th HF. This helped Alvarez make it through the night.

The five man crew took off around 6 a.m. Sunday. However, they didn't go straight to the site because the cloud cover got progressively worse, Campbell said. "We had to return to Vandenberg to get instrument clearance," he added. After getting clearance, the crew once again departed for

the mountain.

Upon reaching the mountain, Santa Barbara Search and Rescue professionals guided them, via radio, to the specific area where the stranded hunter was located.

"One of the reason's we were called was because no one else could get to him," said 1st Lt. James Blanchard, 76th HF aircraft co-pilot.

The hunter couldn't climb out and Santa Barbara helicopters don't have hoist capabilities, he said.

Campbell said they found Alvarez after about 10 minutes of searching.

After locating the hunter, the Vandenberg crew did a reconnaissance of the site to determine the best approach for the rescue, Blanchard said. "We used a hoist to get the guy out because the terrain was steep and there were a lot of trees and no place to land," he said.

The helicopter hovered about 150 to 160 feet above the site while the flight surgeon, Maj. Chris Ryan, was lowered to the ground to assess Alvarez's con-

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AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JONTAUN POMEROY

A young Team Vandenberg member gets to know McGruff the Crime Dog a little better during the National Night Out Aug. 7.

military working dog demonstration.

The Lompoc Police Department and the Rape Crisis and Child Protection Center of Lompoc also donated their time and efforts to the event.

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DRUGS: VAFB officials promote drug abuse awareness

By CHRISTINE KNIERIM & MAJ. ED DAMICO
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30th Space Wing Deputy Staff Judge Advocate

In a recent memo to all Air Force commanders, Gen. Michael Ryan, former Air Force chief of staff, noted the rising negative trends in drug abuse by airmen and urged commanders to take innovative approaches to address this problem.

Recent Air Force statistics show that the population most at risk for drug abuse is people in the ranks of airman basic through senior airman. In response to this growing drug problem, the Air Force has announced a number of initiatives designed to promote awareness of drug abuse and educate people on the problem.

Locally, Vandenberg commanders have taken notice of this issue and have implemented measures such as drug education briefings at commanders calls, unit-wide urinalysis sweeps and, most recently, urine testing for all active-duty members entering the base.

VAFB urinalysis sweep stats

In the first seven months of 2001 the aggressive 30th Space Wing Drug Reduction Program has administrated:

- 26 random unit sweeps
- 4,589 individuals have been tested
- 14 positive results
- Marijuana, cocaine, Ecstasy and methamphetamines were the most widely used substances.

Air staff-level experts from legal, medical, security forces, personnel, public affairs, recruiting, Air Force Office of Special Investigations and the Reserve and National Guard components, began meeting in November 2000 to address this growing problem.

The team's goal was to attack the problem from a variety of angles, focusing on prevention and deterrence. The team came up with the following recommendations and initiatives the service can implement to help reverse the drug abuse trend:

Detect and deter
Emphasize the periodic use of Air Force-wide

weekend and holiday urinalysis testing for detection and deterrence of club drugs.

At Vandenberg, the 30th Space Wing Commander ordered mandatory urinalysis testing for all active-duty members entering the base during the early morning hours of Aug. 5. Vandenberg personnel can expect similar testing to be conducted in the future.

"I want to send a strong signal to our people that drug use is absolutely incompatible with our vital mission and with service in our Air Force," said Col. Robert M. Worley II, 30th Space Wing commander.

Inform
Expand drug awareness training at squadron, group and wing commander courses and add it to officer professional military education classes. Emphasis will be put on commanders'

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Col. Robert M. Worley II
Commander,
30th Space Wing

Commander's Action Line

Mission success is our top priority, and the talented men and women of Team Vandenberg get it done with excellence. Key to the effectiveness of any great team is good communication. The 30th Space Wing Commander's Action Line is your direct communication link to me. It provides an avenue for you to voice your concerns, share constructive ideas, or give your Vandenberg teammates a pat on the back. I appreciate your input, and I am personally involved in every response.

While the Commander's Action Line is a great way to communicate, don't forget there are many other avenues to get answers to your questions including your chain of command, first sergeants, base services officials, and many other base professionals. Thanks for helping to make Vandenberg such a great place to work and live. When calling the action line, please leave your name and phone number.

Handy phone numbers	
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Poison control.....	800-876-4766
Clinic appointments.....	606-4077
Healthwise line.....	888-252-3299
TRICARE services.....	800-242-6788
Law enforcement.....	606-3300
Housing maintenance.....	734-5586
Child Development Center.....	606-1555
MPF customer service.....	606-7756
Visitor control center.....	606-7662
Fitness center.....	606-3832
Chaplain (after hours).....	606-9961
Red Cross (duty hours).....	606-1855
Red Cross (after hours).....	800-660-4272
EOD (duty hours).....	605-1375
EOD (after hours).....	606-9961
Pest Control.....	606-1936
Base operator.....	606-1110

Loyalty: A code to live by

By COL. MARK OWEN
30th Operations Group commander

Each one of us in uniform has personally accepted an appointment of high trust and responsibility to serve in the U.S. Air Force. We've pledged to support and defend our Constitution against all enemies foreign and domestic and obligated ourselves to serve the interests of the American people. But that's not all.

With each appointment, comes an obligation of loyalty to the military chain of command, to supervisors and to commanders. This loyalty, while certainly a legal obligation, is neither subservient obedience nor blind faith.

Yet, it is also more than an obligation arising out of an employer-employee relationship; more than loyalty to an impersonal administration or team; more than a matter of friendship.

It is essentially a moral commitment to your chain of command to respect your commander, his or her leadership, reciprocate his or her confidence and trust and faithfully support the final decisions, even, or especially, when they are unpopular or under attack. There is an obligation to support subordinates, peers, wing, headquarters and, yes, your Air Force.

Loyalty is indispensable to an organization at every echelon.

No enlisted supervisor or commander can make effective, executable decisions or lead without the trust and acceptance of his or her leadership. Similarly, peers should expect it and deserve it from one another.

As an Air Force member, you have a duty to support, protect and defend the commander's interests and agenda even on those occasions when they are inconsistent with yours; yet, this does not require you to "fall on your sword." You are not expected to compromise your commitments to country or conscience.

Commanders and the chain of command are not well served by an intimidated atmosphere with uncritical thinkers. Eagerness to concur must not repress the qualities of mind and character that caused you to serve your country.

Your duty is not to please but to bring your best judgments, even

when they are harsh; the whole truth even when it hurts; and all the choices when they are hard.

Significantly, loyalty, if it is to last, must be reciprocal. A commander under fire who blames his staff or subordinates for shortcomings or embarrasses them in the presence of peers is far more likely to find his counsel increasingly shallow and his agendas going astray.

Conversely, commanders and supervisors who consistently show loyalty down by defending staff and subordinates in public, reassuring and mentoring in private and protecting them against unfair action live up to the fullness of their obligation.

No commander is required, and cannot be, right every time; yet, he or she has no right to risk the principles and character of those appointed to him or her. The commander and the chain of command jeopardize good order and discipline if they reject the advice of their people without ample explanation and rationale.

In accepting your appointment in the U.S. Air Force, your commanders and your chain of command are asking for your judgments, assessments and advice knowing that it will not always be used or followed.

The Air Force is also promising you an opportunity to serve your country, to serve the American people with a job that is full of challenge but not free from disappointment.

In exchange, the chain of command expects your loyalty, yet there is no way of knowing at what point, on what issue, that loyalty will be severely tested. You may be required to balance institutional loyalty against some other principle you hold dear: a commander's decision against a personal preference; an Air Force policy against your individual convictions; a supervisor's right represent a position against your minority opinion

in formulating that position; in choosing to stay within the chain of command to alter the course of events rather than going outside of it formally or informally.

You will receive conflicting guidance from friends, groups, peers and the media. This is not easy.

The Air Force's core values and the chain of command both serve as avenues to address and for redress to assure your loyalty is well placed.

I, for one, am confident that you will find that the Air Force is indeed worthy of your loyalty.

“As an Air Force member, you have a duty to support, protect and defend the commander's interests and agenda even when they are inconsistent with yours.”

Col. Mark Owen
30th Operations Group commander



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Medical group upgrades breast exam room

By MASTER SGT. LLOYD CONLEY
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ In an effort to improve the quality of medical service to its customers, the 30th Medical Group recently finished a noticeable upgrade in its mammography room.

“The recent update to the mammography room provides a warmer more pleasing environment for our patients,” said Maj. Gary Miller, 30th MDG chief of radiology. “Not only is patient comfort important in mammography, but it’s necessary to obtain the best position for the exam.”

The breast exam room resembled a procedure room before the renovations, said Sandra Conley, 30th MDG breast health specialist and breast care facilitator. “Now, it’s more comfortable for the patients and that’s what really matters.”

Conley said patients are made to feel as relaxed as possible. “This puts them at ease so they don’t feel out of control.”

Cindy Scannelli, the new mammogram technician, certainly agrees.

Describing the condition before renovations, she said, “The room had a clinical and sterile look and feel to it.” The walls and floors were tile. Now, there’s carpet on the floor, pastel wallpaper and framed paintings on the wall.

Patients enjoy the changes to the exam room because they can easily relax. “We work closely with radiology to do better exams,” Conley said.

Working closely with radiology is a step in the right direction because some people aren’t aware of the breast care services the medical group provides, she said.

“What I have discovered is a number of beneficiaries, retirees and their spouses in particular, aren’t aware the 30th MDG has the ability to do mammograms and provide breast care services here,” Conley said.



AIRMAN 1st CLASS JONATHAN POMEROY

Cindy Scannelli, the recently hired mammogram technician, checks a mammogram x-ray for quality and

This is a big convenience in contrast to referring patients to facilities in the local civilian medical community.

“We perform screening mammography in asymptomatic women and diagnostic mammography and sonography in symptomatic women,” the radiology chief said.

Lt. Col. Scott Dawson, 30th MDG support squad-

visibility of the image. Scannelli also checks for any obvious abnormalities in the breast.

ron commander, said he has received positive feedback about the renovated exam room. He added that the renovation cost \$7,500.

The breast education center is located on the first floor in the women’s health clinic in the 30th MDG building. Office hours are 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. People can make appointments by calling 606-2120.

Med Group’s breast education center complement renovations

■ The Vandenberg breast education center is one of 15 in the Southern California TRICARE region.

The center here is staffed with a registered nurse who is a breast care facilitator. The facilitator, Sandra Conley, coordinates education and outreach activities, assists patients in understanding treatment options, guides patients in obtaining services and tracks the results of mammography.

Conley said breast cancer is the most common form of cancer among adult women of all ages. It is the leading cause of death for women aged 32 to 52. Women have a one-in-eight lifetime risk of developing breast cancer.

The breast education center is equipped with books, videos, breast models and pamphlets. Breast care classes are presented every other month and by special request. Participants learn about breast disease, breast self-examination and the importance of early detection. The objectives of the breast education center here is to increase access to breast health services and provide education.

The American College of Radiology and the American Cancer Society recommend annual mammography screening beginning at 40 years of age. The earlier the cancer is detected the better the chances are for treatment results, Miller said. American Cancer Society guidelines for breast cancer detection include; monthly breast self-exam at 20 years old, clinical breast exam from the ages 20 to 39 every two to three years and annually at age 40.

F. E. Warren missile maintainers finish treaty requirement early

By STAFF SGT. MELISSA PHILLIPS
90th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ **F.E. WARREN AIR FORCE BASE, Wyo.**—Missile maintainers from the 90th Space Wing have completed the field reconfiguration of the wing’s Minuteman III missiles to adhere to the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty I four months early.

The Air Force’s portion of the START I treaty called for F. E. Warren to reconfigure 150 Minuteman III missiles that contained three multiple re-entry vehicles to a single re-entry vehicle per missile by Dec. 5. The field work was completed Aug. 6.

The re-entry vehicle is the portion of the missile that houses the nuclear warhead.

“It’s not every day that you go to work knowing you completed an international treaty,” said Airman 1st Class David Glass, MMIII missile maintenance technician from the 90th Maintenance Squadron.

“Placing the final SRV into the last silo was a momentous occasion in U.S. history,” said Col. Thomas Shearer, 90th Space Wing commander. “The fact that it happened months in advance of the deadline date is due to the dedication and expertise of all the maintainers at both the weapon storage area — where they

reconfigured all the missiles from a MRV to a SRV — and to the missile maintainers, who placed the SRVs back into the silos. Their hardworking efforts, along with supporting security forces teams, missile crew members and medical personnel, brought every missile back to full operational capability with minimal delay.”

The treaty mandates that the United States reduce its intercontinental ballistic missile force to 6,000 warheads and that Russia will do the same, said Rex Ellis, 90th Space Wing treaty compliance specialist.

“The SRV program is only one piece of the START I treaty puzzle, but it’s a very important piece,” Ellis said. “(F.E.) Warren’s portion of the treaty was to decommission 300 RVs. Reductions are also being made to the bomber fleet and the sea launch ballistic missile

structure.”

The reduction will not detract from the deterrence of the force, Air Force Space Command officials said.

“The deterrence is sound,” said Maj. Gen. Howard Mitchell, AFSPC director of operations at Peterson AFB, Colo. “The triad is still sound with bombers, land-based missiles and sea-based forces. We have adequate RVs to protect the nation, as we see the need, in today’s environment.”

F.E. Warren will not be considered treaty compliant until the 150 multiple re-entry vehicle bulkheads, the portion of the missile that connects the RVs to the rest of the missile, are destroyed and a formal paperwork process is completed, Ellis said. That process is expected to be completed near the original Dec. 5 deadline.

The method of destruction for the bulkheads is a sledgehammer and a lot of muscle. Senior Air-

man Daika Dewolfe, munitions technician from the maintenance squadron, said she looks forward to the bulkhead destruction phase of the treaty compliance.

“It relieves stress,” she said. F.E. Warren began the reconfiguration process Nov. 23, 1998, and each re-entry system took four to six days to reconfigure. “It basically took sweat and bones to comply with START I, and we put in extra hours when we needed to,” said Staff Sgt. Todd Burnham, munitions team chief.

But, it is worth it, he said, knowing that they were able to complete this process four months early.

“During the nearly three years of the download program, we had five on-site inspections by Russian delegations,” Ellis said. These inspections would normally add time to the overall process but the maintainers kept up with the set time schedule.

“The silos are located in desolate areas in Wyoming, Colorado and Nebraska that are often besieged with erratic weather changes, it was difficult to stay on course,” Ellis said. “At times, maintainers literally had to dig their way through snow just to start working. (Courtesy AFNEWS)



STAFF SGT. MELISSA PHILLIPS

Senior Airman Chris Vegter (top), munitions specialist with the 90th Missile Maintenance Squadron, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo., secures one of the re-entry vehicles before placing it on a worktable. Staff Sgt. Todd Burnham, (bottom left), munitions team chief, helps stabilize the unit while team chief, Staff Sgt. Robert Baker assists.

Hunter back with family 76th HF from Page 1

dition. The hunter had fallen during the hike in and sustained some minor injuries that prevented him from hiking out. He was also suffering from mild dehydration.

Alarez’s was placed in the hoist, after some instruction from Ryan, and lifted into the UH-1N Huey helicopter by Senior Airman Steven Perez, 76th HF flight engineer.

Alvarez was then transported to Santa Barbara Search and Rescue professionals and reunited with his family.

This is the third person rescued this year by the helicopter flight said Campbell.

The 76th HF has made more than 150 rescues in the units history.

Crisis center teaches youth about ‘good touch’, ‘bad touch’ during night out NIGHT from Page 1

The Rape Crisis Center put on a 15-minute puppet show for the children teaching them about “good touch” and “bad touch.”

“Bad touch is, essentially, being touched on any part of the body that would normally be covered by a bathing suit or touching that makes a child feel ‘yicky,’” explained Chris Moody, the community education coordinator for the center.


The organization uses the puppet show as a fun way to broach a topic that is often uncomfortable for adults to talk about with children, she said.

Lola Vandrey, a mother of two, said she came to National Night Out because she wanted to give her children a chance to play in the fire trucks and police cars that were on display.

“My daughter really loved sitting in the police car and talking on the radio,” she said.

An added bonus, Vandrey said, was that both of her children received fingerprinted identification cards.

The ID cards are printed with the child’s vital information on the front and has their right and left thumbprint or footprint on the back.



Customs and courtesies tip

When an enlisted member encounters an officer whose arms are full, the enlisted member must render a salute.

Commanders receive training on identifying drug paraphernalia

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options and the impact of drug abuse on readiness and mission.

The Lompoc Police Department Drug Enforcement Team and Vandenberg Office of Special Investigations gave a presentation to Vandenberg commanders and first sergeants Aug. 9. During the briefing, attendees were shown how to identify different types of drugs and drug paraphernalia as well as how these drugs affect individuals.

Risks

Design commander’s call topics that discuss the effects substance abuse has on health and the potential consequences of using drugs in the military.

The Vandenberg Drug Reduction Program Manager briefs personnel on the physical dangers and legal implications of drug use.

Highlighting the Air Force’s zero tolerance policy towards drugs, Vandenberg’s increased drug testing efforts and discussion of court-martial results are the focus of many of these briefings.

“The use of drugs in our Air Force degrades the ‘profession of arms’ and hinders our mission effectiveness to be anywhere, anytime,” said 30th Space Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Mike Morey.

“People, airmen basic to generals, make the mission happen and each of us must be held accountable for our individual actions,” added the command chief.

Raise awareness

Create awareness videos on topics such as the chief of staff’s expectations on drug abuse and the adverse effects of drug use on the body.

Various Vandenberg agencies teamed together to produce an award-winning video project, “Ecstasy: The End of the Dream.” The video is widely shown throughout the Department of Defense.

In his memo, the former Air Force Chief of Staff emphasized, “We need to be fair, firm and proactive as we enforce our standards.”

Ryan also told commanders to ensure they leveraged initiatives like the Limited Privilege Suicide Prevention Program or the Alcohol Drug Abuse and Treatment Program.

“We can save lives and sometimes careers with programs like these,” he said.

“Use them. That’s why they are there.”

“We’re not looking at drug abuse from a punitive standpoint,” said Maj. Janice Pegram, Air Force Drug Abuse Reduction Team Chief. “But, instead are looking at ways to help our troops stay away from drugs in the first place. We believe we can do that with good education programs on the potentially devastating physiological and mental effects of drug abuse, a clear understanding of the reasons for zero tolerance, and widespread awareness of the stiff punishments and consequences if you’re caught using drugs.”

“People ... make the mission happen and each of us must be held accountable for our individual actions,”

Chief Master Sgt. Mike Morey
30th Space Wing command chief master sergeant



MASTER SGT. MICHAEL SHAPRO

A heavy equipment operator works to remove drainage pipe damaged during flooding at Thule Air Base, Greenland. The base here suffered flood damage after heavy rains hit the area Aug. 1 to 3.

Thule begins cleanup after flood

By Staff Sgt. Gino Mattorano
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

■ **THULE AIR BASE, Greenland** — Extensive cleanup operations began here, following flooding Aug. 1 to 3 that disrupted the base water supply and threatened operations here.

Heavy rains combined with melting polar ice wiped out roads and bridges and threatened to overwhelm the base’s utility services.

“The significant efforts of our military members and civilian contractors have enabled us to restore all utilities and services to the base,” said Col. Craig Whitehead, 12th Space Warning Squadron commander. “In addition, we’ve maintained 100 percent of operational mission capability throughout and we’ve had no report of injuries or accidents.”

As a result of the flooding, any fuel lines that might have been affected were drained and the fuel rerouted to prevent the possibility of an environmental incident in the event they were damaged.

“Rerouting the fuel enabled us to support re-supply missions to Thule as well as other Greenland and Canadian bases that use our airfield,” Whitehead said. “It’s critical to bring in supplies at this time of the year to enable us to maintain operations throughout the winter months.”

While road and bridge repair have started,

some of the work required assistance from outside sources. The 62nd Engineering Battalion, from Fort Hood, Texas, and members of the 21st Civil Engineer Squadron, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., quickly responded to the base and are assessing the damage and planning needed repairs.

“We’re very grateful to the Army, the 21st Space Wing and higher headquarters for responding so quickly to the dilemma,” Whitehead said. “Their assistance, coupled with the heroic effort of all base personnel, should have the base back to normal relatively soon.”

Despite the repairs made to the roads here, they will require additional work to prevent future flooding.

“Currently, the roads to our missile warning radar site and to our fuel storage areas have been temporarily repaired,” said P.E. Sorensen, site manager for the Greenland contractors who are responsible for maintaining the base infrastructure and facility management. “We have requested the assistance of civil engineer experts from Copenhagen to take the lead on assessing the extent of the damage and helping us to prevent future flooding of Thule.”

Long-term fixes will include the repair of damage to communications cables and the addition of more culverts to divert water from roads and bridges.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)



Peacekeeper launches, like the one above, could soon be a thing of the past here. The Peacekeeper missile system, on alert throughout the Great Plains, is undergoing cuts due to an offensive nuclear reductions agreement between U.S. and Russia.

FILE PHOTO

Missile talks may lead to new U.S.-Russia understandings

By JIM GARAMONE
American Forces Press Service

■ **MOSCOW** — The first time Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld was in Russia was in 1974. He accompanied then-President Gerald Ford to Vladivostok in the Russian Far East.

Leonid Brezhnev was the general secretary of the Communist Party and the Soviet Union was still very much a going concern.

The distrust between the two countries was so intense that if American officials wanted to discuss things privately they “bundled up and went outside to talk in the snow,” Rumsfeld said.

The Bush administration wants to change this relationship, and Rumsfeld’s latest trip to Russia is a part of that process.

Rumsfeld will discuss missile defense, offensive nuclear reductions and other items with Russian Defense Minister Sergey Ivanov.

Rumsfeld will discuss cuts in offensive nuclear missiles pointing out to Ivanov that the United States is already going down that road with the cuts to the Peacekeeper missile system and the conversion of two Trident SLBM subs to cruise missile platforms.

“If you look at the changes in conventional forces between NATO and the Warsaw Pact that’s taken place in the last decade, it ought not to be out of the question that there be similar changes with respect to the offensive nuclear forces,” Rumsfeld said. U.S. officials cannot make firm offers until the ongoing Nuclear Posture Review is finished and President Bush has digested the results.

The two will also discuss the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty of 1972. Bush administration officials want a mutual U.S.- Russian withdrawal

from the treaty. Rumsfeld said he wouldn’t be surprised if the Russians weren’t ardent supporters of a missile defense program in 10 years.

As more and more countries acquire weapons of mass destruction and the capability to deliver them, people’s attitudes will change, he said.

Rumsfeld and Ivanov also will discuss military-to-military contacts between the countries and how they can be furthered and improved.

“I have always encouraged military-to-military contacts,” Rumsfeld said. “I think it is a helpful thing ... to have contacts at that level. It tends to demystify things. Furthermore, political leadership tends to come in and out of office, and military people tend to stay in for careers. So the continuity of those relationships can be enormously valuable.”

The Moscow meeting will further the process of engagement across the board with the Russians, Rumsfeld said. It is in the best interests of the United States that Russia continues on the road toward becoming a peaceful, prosperous, democratic state.

A lot of history must be overcome. The United States and Soviet Union were al-

lies in World War II. Relations chilled immediately after the war and froze in 1949 when the Soviets exploded an atomic weapon. In 1950, the U.S. military found itself fighting a Soviet-backed North Korean army. Communism and capitalism vied for primacy all over the world.

For 45 years, the relationship between the two countries was based on distrust, hate, rivalry and fear.

When the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991, a host of independent republics rose from the wreckage, including a democratic Russia. But people lag behind the political changes, Rumsfeld said.

“The American people kind of seamlessly integrate political, economic and security issues in our minds, ... and all of those things fuse into an opinion about another country,” he said. The same is true in Russia.

Change is not easy for people steeped in 45 years of the Cold War. “We all tend to be somewhat rooted in our past,” he said. “You constantly see behavior patterns and words that reflect a Cold War construct — a set of thinking or arrangements that demonstrate that in the back of our heads are those thoughts. It seems to me to be time to put them behind us.”

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Donald Rumsfeld
Secretary of Defense

Building community around you

By MEREDITH LEYVA
Founder of CinCHouse.com

Relocation is tough on a military wife.

You’ve just moved (again), you’ve gotten the family settled, your husband is off on deployment and, well, it’s lonely. It’s time to start building a community around you and your family.

So many women ask, “Where to start?”

It’s not as easy anymore without the “insta-community” wives used to have available in the form of spouse clubs. Spouse clubs’ membership has declined for many reasons, both good and bad.

First, with more than 91 percent of enlisted wives working outside

the home, wives are too busy with their jobs and families to participate in spouse clubs. These same wives may be reluctant to join spouse clubs anyway since some clubs are more oriented toward stay-at-home moms. I don’t need to mention that spouse clubs sometimes earn the reputation of harboring gossip-mongers, and spouse club leaders may need to reassess their approach to club management.

One of the worst reasons, however, for the decline of spouse clubs these days is that no one wants to be a “joiner.”

The cultural phenomenon of everyone stressing their independence and self-sufficiency contrasts directly with the need to build

communities of people with common interest.

As military wives, we need to ask ourselves, “Is this a healthy attitude for me and my family given that we will relocate every three years and given that relocation tops the charts of ‘most stressful’ lists?”

You will not only benefit personally, but by building a network around yourself, you can help your husband and kids become acquainted with new friends. Everyone knows the benefits of having friends around to support you in difficult times—the question is how to go about it.

Spouse clubs are the most obvious beginning toward building a community of friends around you

because they focus on a common interest: women living on or recently moving to a military base. However, there are many other types of organizations that may peak your interest. Check your base newspaper, library or bookstore for notices of upcoming meetings.

Finally, remember what is like to move to a new base. Introduce yourself to new neighbors and support community organizations. Your good deed may come back to help you some day.

For more information about the Vandenberg Officers’ Spouses’ Club, call Susan Ashley at 734-2036.

Additionally, the base chapel has many groups that meet regularly. For more information, call 606-7773.

BASE NAMES QUARTERLY AWARD WINNERS

■ In last week’s *Space & Missile Times* a list of the Team Vandenberg’s second quarter award winners was published. Due to space, only the Airmen, NCO, SNCO and CGO winners were listed. The following are the additional winners.

Civilian:
Category 1- Laurie Carter
Category 2- James Jones

Volunteer:
Active duty- Capt. Joseph LeMay
Civilian- Susan Rebecca Ashley

Honor Guard:
Rookie- Airman 1st Class Jason Adkins
Airman- Senior Airman Paula Funderburk
NCO- Staff Sgt. Marcia Scantlebury-Hall

Community Calendar

17 FRI The **Santa Maria Museum of Flight** is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The museum encompasses World War I and II, Vietnam Era and other historical events through its memorabilia. It also features two hangers filled with different types of aircraft. Special tours can be arranged. For more information, call the Museum of Flight at (805) 922-8758.

The **Air Force Aid Society** will pay for 15 hours of childcare for community volunteers. The program isn't intended to subsidize childcare for persons in resale, fund raising or social activities. The childcare must be provided by a licensed family day care provider on base. People can pick up information packages at the family support center or call the center at 606-0039 for information.

Former **Veterans Educational Assistance Program** participants have until Nov. 1 to enroll in the Montgomery GI Bill education benefits. This is the last opportunity for VEAP participants to enroll. Eligible people can call the education office before the deadline at 605-5904.

Tuition Assistance is available to all civil service employees pursuing bachelor or graduate degrees. Eligible people can take up to three courses per term and tuition assistance will pay for 75 percent of the cost up to \$187.50 per credit hour and a maximum of \$3,500 per fiscal year. This entitlement is for people in space command units only. For more information call the base education office at 605-5904.

18 SAT The 15th annual **Quick Draw Art Show** is scheduled for Saturday in the artist's community of Los Olivos, Calif. Artists from local art galleries will be given 45 minutes to draw a masterpiece and have it auctioned off the same day. There will be a barbecue and gallery reception following the Quick Draw. For more information, call the Judith Hill Gallery at (805) 688-1222.

19 SUN The **Vandenberg Enlisted Action Team** is sponsoring a volunteer all day car wash Sunday at the Lompoc 76 gas station on H Street. Call Airman 1st Class Richard Bugbee at 606-9236 for more information.

A **free pool party** is scheduled from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday in the Paul Nelson Aquatic Center in Santa Maria. The center's address is 516 South McClelland Street. No flotation devices will be allowed for the party. For information, call the aquatic center at (805) 925-0951, Ext. 248.

The **Lompoc annual Brushes and Blues Arts Festival** is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at La Purisima Mission. The event will feature Central Coast artists demonstrating their artwork and technique. Story telling, face and picture painting are a few of the children's activities available during the day. The admission price, including the parking fee, is \$10. Children under 12 are free. Tickets are available at the Vandenberg Federal Credit Union in the Lompoc and Santa Maria offices, and at the Lompoc Valley Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau at 111 South I Street. For information, call Eleanor Potts at 736-4567.

20 MON A **financial planning seminar** is scheduled for 11 a.m. Monday in the family support center. People can learn sound financial planning and how to create a financial plan. Participants can also learn how to make decisions that affect their future. Call Jimmy Camacho at 606-4491 for registration.

A **sponsorship training class** is scheduled for 3 p.m. Monday at the family support center.

Participants can learn sponsorship responsibilities, relocation resources, and tips to assist newcomers to Vandenberg. Call relocation assistance at 606-0801 to register.

21 TUE The **Sierra Club** is offers 90-minute hiking tours at or around Lompoc at 6:25 p.m. Tuesdays.

People who want to take the tour should meet at the Lompoc Civic Center to carpool to the hiking location. People should bring a flashlight and wear walking shoes. For more information, call 736-6362.

A **veterans adminstration home loan workshop** is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in the family support center. People can learn the basics of the VA home loan process, like applying for loans and understanding the entire VA escrow procedure. Call Sunny Park at 605-0134 to register.

22 WED **Free tours of Vandenberg** take place every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The tour includes a visit to the Heritage Center that contains artifacts dating back to the Cold War and other commercial space launch complexes. Reservations should be



AIRMAN 1st CLASS JONATHAN POMEROY

Slip sliding away
Samantha Kissiar, 6, plays on the serpentine slide at the Cocheo Park playground Aug. 2. Relatively new, the playground equipment is part of a long-term project to expand the area of the park through landscaping and the addition of more outdoor recreation equipment.

made at least three weeks in advance. For more information or to make reservations call the Public Affairs Office at 606-3595. **Lompoc Unified District schools open Wednesday.** Registration for kindergarten through 12th for the upcoming academic year is as follows:

Registration for new students at **Lompoc Valley Middle School** is from 9 to 11:30 a.m. now through Tuesday.

Returning eighth-grade students can pick up their schedules in the gymnasium from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m.

Returning seventh-grade students can pick up their schedules in the gymnasium from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m.

Registration for new students at **Vandenberg Middle School** is now through Tuesday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. Registration is by appointment only. Call the school office at 734-4391 to make an appointment.

Registration for new students at **Lompoc High School** is going on now. People should call 735-5606 to make an appointment.

Parents are encouraged to register their children for **school bus transportation** before the first day of school. Bus service is for main base housing students who need transportation to Vandenberg Middle School and Los Padres Elementary school. Parents can register their children at the 30th Transportation Squadron building 10728, room 115. Bus passes will be issued from 8 a.m. to noon until school begins. People who have completed mail-in forms can pick up their passes now. Customer parking is in the front parking lot parallel to California Boulevard. People with questions should call fleet management at 606-5255.

Parents whose children need bus transportation to other district schools need to call the Lompoc Unified School District at 736-2371.

The health and wellness center has **weekly nutrition classes** from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Topics include heart smart for cholesterol control, meal planning for diabetes, prenatal and child nutrition, and nutrition for health. For more information, call the HAWC at 606-2221.

A **job information expo** is scheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the family support center. The career focus program will provide information on local job employment opportunities and sources for job seekers. People can find out who's hiring, who's not, and how to add their resume to the Air Force and

local websites. Call Tinisha Agramonte at 605-8557 for information.

23 THUR The **Women's, Infants, and Children's** office next Vandenberg visit is Thursday in the family support center. The WIC off visits the base the fourth Thursday of every month for Vandenberg members who meet program requirements. WIC is a nutrition education program that provides supplemental food to promote good health for pregnant, breastfeeding and postpartum women, infants, and children up to age five. For more information regarding appointments or enrollment call the Lompoc WIC office at 737-6470 or Teresa Orozco at 606-4636.

An **individual retirement account seminar** is scheduled for 11 a.m.

Thursday in the family support center. Today's IRAs offer greater flexibility and incentives for savings. Participants can learn the differences between the Roth and traditional IRAs, and how to determine the best for themselves and their family. Call Jimmy Camacho at 606-4491 for registration or details.

The **Hispanic Heritage Month** planning committee meets in the services center Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. People do not have to be Hispanic to participate. For more information, call Master Sgt. Pablo Mendez at 606-6504 or Senior Airman Alexander Rodriguez at 606-1541, extension 3718.

The **Titan Toastmasters** meet from 4 to 5 p.m. every Thursday in the services center. People can learn how to speak effectively in a no-pressure and supportive environment. Participants can also learn how to run a meeting. Anyone interested is welcome. Call Loretta Williams at 605-3001 or Bruce Henderson at 606-1541, extension 3627, for information.

PCPA Theaterfest will present the world premiere of Alfred Hitchcock's "*Rope*" Aug. 23 through Sept. 9 at the Festival Theater located at 420 Second Street in Solvang, then in the Marian Theater on the Santa Maria Allan Hancock Campus Sept. 14 to 30. For tickets and show times call PCPA's Box Office at 922-8313.

24 FRI **PCPA Theaterfest** presents the comedy-drama "*On Golden Pond*" from Aug. 24 through Sept. 9 at the Marian Theater located on the Santa Maria Allan Hancock Campus, 800 South College Drive. The play will be in the Solvang

Festival Theater from Sept. 13 through Oct. 7. For tickets and show times, call PCPA box office at 922-8313.

25 SAT The 10th annual **Woodcarver show and sale** is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 25 and 26 at the Elverhoj Museum in Solvang. This is a summer fundraiser for the museum so there will be a \$2 admission fee to see art gallery exhibits of wood pieces, some for sale. Woodcarvers will be carving all day for people to enjoy. For more information, call the Elverhoj Museum at (805) 686-1211.

The **Ethnic Street Fair** is scheduled for Aug. 25 and 26 in Grover Beach. The fair will feature multi-ethnic food, dance, music, and activities for all ages. For information call the Grover Beach Chamber of Commerce at 489-9091.

The **Santa Maria Speedway** will host the Spring car series Aug. 25. Gates will open at 3 p.m. Racing starts at 7 p.m. Dwarf cars, late models, and street stocks will be featured. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$3 for children 6 to 12. For information, call the Santa Maria Speedway at (805) 922-2233.

The **Dune Run** is scheduled for 8 p.m. Aug. 25 in Grover Beach. The run starts in Grover Park and ends in Grover Beach. It is a 5K walk or run or a 10K run. Call the Grover Beach Chamber of Commerce at 489-1488 for an application and more information.

30 THUR Golfers are needed for the **Hi Neighbor golf tournament** 11 a.m. Aug. 30 at the Marshallia Ranch Golf Course. The cost is \$60 for Vandenberg players. The cost covers the host and the Santa Maria player and includes a round of golf, cart, lunch and an invitation to be a Santa Maria player's guest next year.

To sign up, call the 30th Space Wing Public Affairs office at 606-3595. Callers need to leave their name, phone number and handicap or average score.

The 30th Medical Group is sponsoring an **operation baby launch** at 5 p.m. Sept. 10 in the Vandenberg Clinic. People can learn information about available resources in local hospitals, TRICARE financial concerns and the Vandenberg family practice clinic services. Spouses and partners are welcome and registration is not necessary. For more information, call Capt. Jean Eagleton at 605-8254 or Nancy Sias at 606-8217.

CHAPEL NOTES

Catholic Worship Services:
Saturday at 5 p.m. in Chapel 2
Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in Chapel 1
Daily Mass is Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 2
Catholic religious education is Sunday at 8:30 a.m. in the religious education building.
Confirmation is 11:30 a.m. in the religious education chapel.
Youth confirmation is Sundays at 6 p.m. in the religious education chapel.

Protestant Worship Services:
Contemporary Service is Sunday at 8:30 a.m. in Chapel 2.
Traditional service is Sunday at 11:15 a.m. in Chapel 1.
Gospel service is Sunday at 11:30 a.m. in Chapel 2.
Protestant religious education opportunities are as follows;
Summer Sunday school is 10 a.m. in the religious education building.
The youth Believers in God seminars are scheduled for Sundays at 6 p.m. in the religious education building. For other faith groups or concerns, call the chapel at 606-7773.

AT THE MOVIES

Today
TOMB RAIDER
Starring Angelina Jolie and Jon Voight.

Lara Croft is a wealthy, British archeologist, tomb raider who tries to thwart a secret society doomsday cult seeking two pieces of a mysterious device hidden in two different places of the world in order to use it during a rare planetary alignment to bring them unlimited power to control or destroy the world. Rated PG-13 for violence, sensuality and action.

Saturday
TOMB RAIDER

Sunday
A. I. (ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE)
Starring Haley Joe Osment and William Hurt.

It's the mid-21st century and man has developed a new type of computer that is aware of its own existence. This computer has been utilized to help man cope with the melting of the polar ice caps and the submerging of many of its coastal cities. This form of artificial intelligence has been used in robots, and one such android, a young boy, is about to take an emotional journey to find out if he can ever be anything more than a machine.

Rated PG-13 for some sexual content and violent images.

Aug. 24
POOTIE TANG
Starring Lance Crouther and Jennifer Coolidge.

Pootie Tang is a crime fighter and recording artist who speaks in an indecipherable language but is a hero and role model to all children. He must battle the evil Dick Lecter, the CEO of a huge corporation who tries to get kids to smoke, drink, and eat fast food. Rated PG-13 for sex-related material, language and drug content

Aug. 25
3 p.m. CATS AND DOGS
Starring Jeff Goldblum and Elizabeth Perkins.

There's a secret war being waged in the homes and neighborhoods of Earth that the humans don't even know about; an eternal struggle between two great armies: the cats and the dogs. The film follows a cat's plan to destroy a new vaccine that if developed, would destroy all human allergies to dogs, and the cat's efforts to stop the dogs. Specifically, it's the story of a young pup whose job is to guard the vaccine. Other dogs include a wise older dog who watches out for him, a large friendly dog and a small dog who serve as an electronic expert. Jeff Goldblum is the human scientist who invented the vaccine. Rated PG for animal action and humor.

KISS OF THE DRAGON
Starring Jet Li and Bridget Fonda.

The film revolves around a Chinese intelligence officer who goes to Paris on assignment, only to become embroiled in a deadly conspiracy when the person he came to help betrays him. Rated R for strong violence, language, some sexuality and drug content.

Aug. 26
KISS OF THE DRAGON
All movies start at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

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Current
Members are
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WIN CHOICE BECOME A MEMBER WHEELS!

10 winners get their choice of
a Ford Ranger, Chevy Cavalier,
Dodge Neon or cash!

**Sign up between Aug. 15 and
Nov. 18 to be eligible
for the random drawing.**

Air Force Club Ultimate Membership 'Drive' Sweepstakes will be giving away new automobiles--perhaps even one or two for patrons of the Pacific Coast Club.

During the drive, Air Force Services hopes to sign up 10,000 new members. All will be eligible for cars that will be presented to a lucky nine people who join any club worldwide. Winners will have their choice of select models and may be able to pick the car's color and various options.

Not wanting to forget those already holding club cards, Air Force Services will award a tenth vehicle to someone who has been a member anytime between Feb. 1 and Aug. 14 of this year.

With this giveaway, "We are recognizing that existing members are extremely important to us and that we would like to properly reward them, just as we are rewarding new customers," said Josie Cooper, Pacific Coast Club manager. "Plus, they are one of the best forms of endorsement for an evolving club system that offers something for all."

Club members do not have to lift a single finger to be eligible to drive off in that new vehicle, just being a valuable patron is enough.

Besides meals and entertainment, other benefits cardholders enjoy include a scholarship program, deals on local entertainment and special events, members-only programs and catering services.

Winners will be randomly selected on or about Nov. 30. For more information or to find out your eligibility status, visit your Club today or www-p.afsv.mil/ultimate



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Air Force’s top golfers club it out at Marshallia Ranch

By MASTER SGT. TY FOSTER
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

Air Force golfers from around the world converged on Vandenberg’s Marshallia Ranch Golf Course for the 2001 Air Force Golf Championships. First round play began Aug. 8 and the final round wrapped up Saturday.

Thirty-two players battled it out during the 72-hole tournament. The players were divided into three divisions: 16 in the open, 10 in the senior and six in the women’s.

The top players in each of three divisions are representing the Air Force in the 2001 Armed Forces Golf Championships held at Miramar Marine Corps Air Station, Calif., near San Diego which ends today.

Marshallia has played host to the Air Force tournament five times. The last time was in 1997.

“It’s the best (military) course within the geographical area of the armed forces tournament,” said Eric Sudy, 2001 Air Force Golf Championship Tournament project manager.

Playing out of Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, the senior division winner Tom Sweigart agreed.

A golf veteran of 31 years, the two-handicapper said, “This is my favorite course in the Air Force.” He said he’s been a member of the Air Force Golf team seven or eight times.

He’s a golfer for many reasons, but the challenge keeps him coming back.

“There’s always new challenges,” he said. “It’s you against the course.”

Sweigart’s scores show he was up to Marshallia’s challenges. In the first round, he had six birdies posting a score of 71. In the next three rounds he had seven birdies. His final score was 289.

In his first attempt to make the Air Force team, open division winner 2nd Lt. Jeffrey Scohy described the play as “tough.”

“No. 16 was my nemesis,” the 3-stroke handicapper said. “It’s not very long, but it’s straight uphill and into the wind.” During the first two rounds, he

posted double bogeys on the 402-yard hole.

“I got lucky and made two pars during the last two rounds, but I worked hard for them,” he said. Scohy, who’s stationed at Columbus AFB, Miss., has been playing golf since he was 8 years old.

The women’s division winner, Gail Kramer who was playing out of Los Angeles AFB, fared a little better than Scohy on No. 16.

The 6.5 handicapper posted two birdies, a bogey and a double on the hole during the tournament. One of those birdies was a 40-foot downhill putt.

Kramer, who’s played golf since she was a child, said she got serious about golf about five years ago when she moved to California.

“I’ve been playing team sports all my life,” she said. “(With golf) you only answer to yourself.”

Describing the play at Marshallia, Kramer rated it a “10” on a scale of one to ten.

Sweigart said he couldn’t pick a favorite hole because “all 18 are great holes.”

Although Scohy turned in bogeys during the first two rounds of play on 403-yard hole No. 9, it ended up being his favorite.

“I was struggling with it early in the week, but then in the third and fourth round I birdied it.” One of those birdies was the result of a 50-foot putt from the back edge.

At 450 yards long, hole No. 18 played to Kramer’s game though.

“I always get a good drive and I like to play a short chip onto the green,” she said. She turned in two pars and two birdies on that hole during the four rounds of play.

The skills required to play in the armed forces tournament take years to develop and each player offered their advice for new duffers.

“You just can’t give up,” Sweigart said. “Everyone gets bad breaks. You just have to shake them off and keep doing the best that you can.”

Lessons, Kramer said, will give a new



AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JONATHAN POMEROY

Tom Sweigart putts for birdie on hole No. 18 to wrap up play in the 2001 Air Force Golf Championships Saturday. Sweigart won the Senior Division in the tournament. He and seven other Air Force players traveled to Miramar Marine Corps Air Station for the 2001 Armed Forces Golf Championships which end today.

player the edge and confidence needed to enjoy the game.

Scohy’s advice was more to the point.

“Practice your short game about 75 percent of the time and 25 percent on the driving range,” he said. From his point of view, most rounds are won or

lost on the player’s short game.

Regardless of how well a player golfs, Marshallia Ranch Golf Course welcomes about 1,200 golfers per week, said Rick Vigil, Marshallia’s manager for 25 years.

The golf course is open 306 days per year.

FINAL TALLIES

■ The players and their scores in the 2001 Air Force Golf Championship tournament are:

Open Division
2nd Lt. Jeffrey Scohy, Columbus AFB, Miss., 73-76-72-75—296
Staff Sgt. Ernie Penton, Eglin AFB, Fla., 71-78-74-76—299
1st Lt. Geoffrey Mann, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo., 72-78-75-74—299
Senior Airman Jonathan Mathias, Hickam AFB, Hawaii, 75-77-73,74—299

Senior Division
Lt. Col. Tom Sweigart, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, 70-71-75-73—289
Chap. (Lt. Col.) Alan Pineault, Kirtland AFB, N.M., 72-75-72-79—298

Women’s Division
Lt. Col. Gail Kramer, Los Angeles AFB, Calif., 78-78-80-83—319
Capt. Colleen Christensen, Lackland AFB, Texas, 86-85-88-79—338

HOW THEY FARED

■ Total yards played: 25,552
Easiest hole: No. 12, a 447-yard par 5
Number of birdies at No. 12: 29
Number of birdies in event: 171
Number of eagles at No. 12: 2
Number of eagles in event: 3
Hardest hole: No. 16, a 402-yard par 4

■ To track current standings in the 2001 Armed Forces Golf Championships or check out other player’s scores in the Air Force Golf Championship, log onto www-p.afsv.af.mil/golf.

■ During second round play of the armed forces tournament, Ernie Penton posted a 62, breaking the course record of 64. He led the DOD tournament going into the third round.

Intramural softball standings

■ The intramural season ends Monday. Make-up games will be completed before the championships begin.

Standings provided by fitness center, current as of Wednesday.

American League	W	L	Pct.
30 th OG No. 1	16	1	.941
381 st TRG	15	2	.882
576 th FLTS No. 1	13	5	.722
Det. 9	12	6	.667
30 th CES No. 2	10	7	.588
392 nd TRS	8	9	.471
30 th MSS	8	10	.444
614 th SOPS	6	12	.333
30 th MDG	4	14	.222
NRO	3	15	.176
576 th FLTS No. 2	1	17	.056
National League standings	W	L	Pct.
30 th SFS No.1	14	0	1.000
30 th CES No. 3	13	2	.867
30 th CS	12	4	.750
30 th TRNS	9	6	.600
533 rd TRS	9	7	.563
30 th SFS No. 2	7	7	.500
30 th CES No. 1	5	11	.313
534 th TRS	5	12	.294
30 th OG No. 2	3	14	.176
576 th FLTS No. 3	0	16	.000



AIRMAN KARA MCCORMICK

(Above) Garret Wadsack swims the 400m portion of the fitness center triathlon Sunday. Wadsack finished with a time of 1:35:44. (Right) Jared Shaw runs the 20k leg of the triathlon. Shaw placed second in the 20 to 29 class.

Triathletes set pace for victory

■ Forty Team Vandenberg members participated in the fitness center’s triathlon held here Aug. 11.

The triathlon involved a 400m swim, 20k bike course and a 5k run.

20 - 29 – 1, Luis Amato, 1:06:06; 2, Jared Shaw, 1:07:37; 3, Robert Kittell, 1:09:41

30 - 39 – 1, Rich Reed, 1:05:18, overall winner of event; 2, Scott McLean, 1:08:21; 3, Thomas Cantilina, 1:09:26

Over 40 – 1, Harvey Wynne, 1:12:44; 2, Noval Casteel, 1:19:59; 3, Kathy Reis, 1:20:58



AIRMAN KARA MCCORMICK